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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Report from Melbourne—Plague on steamship Zoroaster.*

Consul Jewell reports September 9:

On June 4 steamship *Zoroaster* arrived at Bunbury via Colombo with a case of plague on board. All necessary precautions were taken. Prior to that date no case of plague had occurred at Bunbury during the past two years.

#### *Examination of rodents at Sydney for plague infection.*

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales, under dates of September 13 and 18:

Date on which last plague case was reported, May 29, 1909.

Date on which last plague infected rodent was found, June 15, 1909. Week ended September 13. Rodents destroyed, 1,350; examined, 387; found infected, 0. Week ended September 18. Rodents destroyed, 1,270; examined, 336; found infected, 0.

### BARBADOS.

#### *Reports from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, October 9 and 16:

Week ended October 9. Bills of health issued to 8 vessels, having a total of 322 members of crews and 46 passengers. One vessel was fumigated. The sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers was good. The sanitary condition of the port remains good; no quarantinable disease was reported for the port or island during the week.

Week ended October 16. Bills of health issued to 9 vessels, having a total of 425 members of crews and 130 passengers. Three vessels were fumigated. The sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers was good. The sanitary condition of the port remains good; no quarantinable disease was reported for the port or island during the week.

### BELGIUM.

#### *Cholera in vicinity of Antwerp.*

The following information was received through the Department of State, under date of October 26:

American minister at Brussels cables: "Eight cases of Asiatic cholera officially declared near Antwerp; six fatal."